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## At The Heart Of Evangelism

CHARLES L. MCKAY

Baptist Sunday School Board

A few weeks ago Pastor Ernie Myers of Riverside Church, Nashville, Tennessee, put on a demonstration of what the Cradle Roll can mean in the work of evangelism.

1. A census of the church community was taken. The names of the babies under four years of age not enrolled in any Sunday School were put on the Cradle Roll Department prospect cards.

2. Provision was made for nurseries to adequately take care of the babies that might be enlisted through the work of the Cradle Roll and the Nursery workers.

3. A Baby Hunt was planned. All the babies available were assigned to different ones who had agreed to go on a giant baby hunt and at the same time enroll the ones found in the census. The afternoon was set, the ladies came, assignments were made, and out they went. In two hours time twenty-four babies had been enrolled in the Cradle Roll Department of the Riverside Church. Not bad for a church with five hundred in Sunday School.

4. Pictures were taken. The people who went to enroll the babies were instructed to make an appointment with the parents for a picture either that night or the next day, or the next night. The pictures would be color slides to be shown on a screen at a later date at the church. The parents were thrilled to know that the church had so much interest in their baby.

The census had been taken, the ladies had gone to enroll the baby in the Cradle Roll. Now the pastor or a helper went back to make the pictures. That made three personal visits in each home.

5. A letter was sent. Tuesday, before the revival was to start on Sunday, the pastor sent a letter to all these new Cradle Roll parents.

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## Important Notice ..

CHESTER L. QUARLES

Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board meets in its semi-annual session on September 13-14 at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Heretofore the Board has met on Monday before the State Convention and then in December. This is an additional meeting designed to improve the work of the Board and the agencies.

The Executive Committee will meet on September 13 at 10 A. M.

The Audit, Budget, and Allocations Committee will meet August 31 at 10 A. M. Please note that all requests for allocations for institutions, church building aid, pastoral aid, associational missionaries' aid, and all financial requests for aid from the state mission funds must be presented to that committee at that time.

Anyone having such requests for aid should not overlook this notice. No funds will be available after this date, according to the policy of the Convention Board.

## COMMUNIST PORTRAITS WIN FREE FUNERALS

ROME (RNS) — Lithuanians can get free church funerals by substituting a picture of Lenin or Stalin for the cross.

According to Federico Alessandrini, co-editor of the Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano, Communist authorities in Lithuania pay 500 rubles to relatives of the deceased as a "progress premium" if a portrait of either of the dead Communist leaders is given the place of honor usually occupied by the cross.

Mr. Alessandrini said a religious funeral costs 500 rubles in Lithuania. A religious wedding costs 600, compared to six rubles for a civil marriage.

The Osservatore editor, reporting on the status of the Church in Lithuania, said some churches remained open. But attendance at (Continued on Page 2)

## Not Concerned Over Viewing, Survey Shows

NEW YORK. (RNS). — Parents generally do not share the concern of churchmen, educators and psychologists over the possible ill effects upon children of extensive television viewing, according to the results of a three-year survey reported here.

The study was conducted by the Communications Research Project, a joint undertaking of the National Council of Churches and Yale Divinity School.

A preliminary report on its results was presented here by four officials connected with the study. They are the Rev. Everett C. Parker, director of the project; Dr. S. Franklin Mack, executive director of the National Council's Broadcasting and Film Commission; Dean Liston Pope of Yale Divinity School, and the Rev. David W. Barry, director of the National Council's department of research and survey.

In general, the study showed, they said, that religious background or affiliation apparently has no important bearing on parental opinion concerning television and that the great majority of parents do not strongly object to the programs children currently see on TV.

Specifically, 69 per cent of all parents interviewed generally favored TV programs for children as they are, 26 per cent generally disapproved, and five per cent favored some aspects while opposing others.

By religious affiliation, 90 per cent of the Roman Catholic parents questioned were favorable to present TV programs for children while 59 per cent of the Protestants and 56 per cent of the Jewish parents expressed themselves similarly.

Survey officials pointed out, however, that the attitude of the Catholic parents did not reflect any lack of concern over the effects of television upon their children since many whose general reaction was favorable modified this approval with critical comments.

They also said that a further analysis by researchers had indicated that the more critical attitude of the Protestant and Jewish parents derived from the fact that a higher percentage of these two groups are represented in the upper social levels of the area surveyed.

Metropolitan New Haven, Conn., was chosen as the study site because it has a diversified industrial area and widely varied cultural strata and because, in addition to a local TV station, reception of New York City's seven television channels is good on sets in the area.

A total of 3,559 families, representing five per cent of the city's population, were sampled in the survey. At the time of the study, New Haven households were 53 per cent Catholic, 29 per cent Protestant and nine per cent Jewish, but television set ownership (Continued on Page 2)

## Survey Of 1000 Pastors Shows Interesting Facts

By J. P. EMUNDS  
Secretary

Department of Survey, Statistics and Information

Editor's Note.—Because of many factors involved, it would not be statistically sound or accurate to project the above to apply to our approximately 24,000 pastors. In a survey of this kind a smaller percentage of country pastors and others reply to a questionnaire. For that reason, a smaller survey was attempted and these 1,000 replies were distributed throughout the convention and are representative of all classifications of pastors. The degree to which these observations apply to the 24,000 Southern Baptist pastors is not known.

In a recent survey of approximately 1,000 pastors and other ministers in work other than the pastorate, the following facts were revealed:

Fifty-six per cent were reared in the open country and 44 per cent in communities of more than 2,500. While 50 per cent of the city pastors were reared in the open country, pastors to a large degree tend to return to work in the size of place in which they were born.

Thirty per cent joined a Baptist church before twelve years of age; 36 per cent between twelve and sixteen; and only 9 per cent after twenty-five years of age. An early age of conversion was more prevalent among the pastors of city churches.

Nine per cent followed their fathers in the ministry, while almost 10 per cent had grandfathers who were ministers. A larger percentage of city pastors had fathers who were Baptist ministers.

The average age when they began preaching was twenty-four, although, as a group, pastors of country churches started preaching at a later age. The average present age of three pastors is forty-three.

Forty-four per cent have held from three to five pastorates, and (Continued on Page 2)

## Baptist Memorial Hospital Honors Founders



Shown above is a scene at the Founders' Day dinner at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, as plaques were being distributed.

Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis honored its founders and others who have sacrificed for its growth at a Founders Day dinner July 29. The Board of Trustees awarded bronze plaques to 34 persons who have rendered outstanding service to the hospital since its opening 4 years ago.

Among those honored was Dr. A. U. Boone, a member of the original committee appointed to study the possibility of building a Baptist hospital in Memphis. Posthumous awards were presented to the families of the two other members of that original committee, Dr. H. P. Hurt and Dr. Thomas S. Potts.

Posthumous awards also honored W. T. Lowrey, Sr., president of the Board from 1912 until his death in 1944; A. E. Jennings, who saved the hospital from financial

ruin in 1915 and served it for 30 years thereafter; and Will Dockey, member of the board for many years and most generous contributor in the hospital's history.

Others receiving plaques in recognition of their outstanding service included Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Frank S. Groner, administrator of the hospital; and Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, president of Blue Mountain College and president of the hospital's Board of Trustees from 1944 until 1949; and V. L. Simmons, formerly of Water Valley, assistant administrator and employee of the hospital for 29 years.

Walter Chandler, former mayor of Memphis and chairman of the hospital's Citizens' Advisory Com-

mittee, pointed out that Baptist Memorial has served more than one-half million people in its 42-year history, more than the combined population of Memphis and Shelby county today.

He pointed out that the hospital's new 13-story addition, which is now under construction, will bring the value of Baptist Memorial to \$14 million and will increase the bed capacity of the hospital to 800, making it the largest private hospital in the South.

Others who received plaques on this historic occasion included: Vance J. Alexander, Memphis. Myrtle Archer, Durant, Miss. R. A. Baker, Memphis. Edward F. Barry, Memphis. B. L. Bridges, Little Rock. Enoch Brown, Memphis.

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**Parents Not Concerned**

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 was much more widespread in Catholic, Jewish and mixed households than in Protestant. Respective net ownership percentages for these groups were Catholic 88, Jewish 82, mixed 80 and Protestant 62.

"Catholic and Protestant parents volunteered some concern over the lack of religious programs for children, especially the parents in the social classes composed of white-collar and semi-skilled factory workers," the research report said. "Most suggestions advanced were for more Bible stories and Bible dramatizations."

It added that the greatest concern over possible ill effects on children was expressed by parents of children four through nine years old, with 34 per cent of the parents of children in this age group reacting unfavorably toward currently offered programs.

"Although practically no parents reported that their children watched evening crime drama shows," the report said, "a considerable number were worried about their effects upon the children."

It suggested that the viewing of adult programs by children is "undoubtedly" larger than reported by the parents and noted that the children themselves not only told interviewers they watched such shows but were able to report accurately on their contents.

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**At The Heart**

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 ents. In that letter he told them it was a joy to have their baby enrolled in the Cradle Roll Department. He expressed the desire of the members of the church family to see the baby in person. He explained that it would be impossible for all the members of that church to come to visit in the home, but that they made the picture in order to show it to the church family. He told them that the revival meeting started in the Riverside Church on Sunday. Monday night had been designated Cradle Roll night and that they would be delighted to have them as special guests. He passed the word on to them that they would show on the screen the picture of the baby. The letter explained to the parents that nurseries had been provided in the church to take care of the babies. He urged them to bring their friends and loved ones along. They did.

6. The pictures were shown. Monday night came. The church people were organized; they knew what to do. Most of the parents of these babies had never been in that church. When the pictures were shown on the screen the pastor stood there and called the names of every member of the family group. After the picture was shown the pastor would say, "I believe this family is here tonight. I wish they would stand." As each family stood with all their friends who had come with them the lights went on. They were introduced in a group to the church family. They were made to feel at home and welcome.

All of the families with exception of two were present in that service. The two that could not be there had called to explain their regrets that they could not be in the service that night.

After the service that night the parents were taken on a tour through the nurseries.

8. The prospects were assigned. These people were assigned to their proper Sunday school classes. The teachers and officers went to work

**Survey of 1000**

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22 per cent from six to nine. Thirty-six per cent held pastorates averaging four years or longer. Forty-seven per cent of city pastors have held pastorates averaging four years or longer, compared to 28 per cent of country pastors.

Sixty-six per cent held pastorates during their college days and 77 per cent during seminary days.

Eighty per cent completed four years of high school; 77 per cent, two years of college; 62 per cent, four years of college; and 60 per cent attended a seminary.

Seventy per cent of the city pastors completed four years of college, compared with 48 per cent of country pastors; and 73 per cent of city pastors attended a seminary, compared with 35 per cent of country pastors.

Nineteen per cent took two years or more of post graduate work.

Of those attending college and seminary, 81 per cent attended a Baptist college and 89 per cent a Baptist seminary. Six per cent have received honorary degrees, and most of these were received by city pastors.

Fifty-nine per cent live in church-owned homes; 21 per cent in personally owned homes; and 16 per cent rent. More city pastors live in church owned homes, but more country pastors own their own homes—38 per cent.

Sixteen per cent have more than three children and 6 per cent have grandchildren.

Fifty per cent are members of civic clubs. Sixty-four per cent have led their present churches in a building program. Sixteen per cent of city churches have a full-time assistant pastor, compared with only 1.5 per cent of all others. Thirty per cent of city churches have an educational director compared to less than 5 per cent of all others. Approximately the same percentage prevails for ministers of music as educational directors. Forty-eight per cent of city churches have a church secretary. John 3:16 was most frequently named as the favorite scripture, and was named by a larger percentage of country pastors. Second in popularity is Romans 8:28.

Favorite sermon text is John 3:16, and the favorite invitation hymn is "Just As I Am."

Over 85 per cent of town and city churches have held two or more revivals in their church in the last year, compared with 50 per cent of country and village churches.

to see that each member of the family was contacted for the particular class that they were responsible for in the Sunday school. Many of these parents came back other nights during this revival. Through personal invitation and visits on the part of the pastor and others several of them came to Christ during the revival. Week after week, Sunday after Sunday, the pastor of Riverside Church baptized some of these people who had come into the fellowship of the church on profession of faith as a result of enrolling that baby in the Cradle Roll, taking and showing the picture, and following up for results. A few days ago the pastor said to me, "We have worked up all of our prospects from the Cradle Roll baby hunt; we must get organized and go on another hunt."

One of the greatest evangelistic opportunities available in the church today is thro the use of the Cradle Roll. Try it.



REV. C. M. DAY

Shown above is Rev. C. M. Day, pastor of First Church, Durant, who will lead a revival at Enterprise Church in Amite County beginning the week of August 8. The church has been a mission of First Church, Liberty, and has now been constituted into a church and named Enterprise. Rev. Billy Wilkinson is the pastor.

**CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES**

BY REV. LEON V. YOUNG, Clinton

**Called and Accepted:**

Weldon F. Brooks, First, Goodlett, Texas, from Pomona, California.

Ray Young, Bethel, Sunnyvale, California, from Morgan Hill, California.

W. B. Huff, Holly Springs, N. C., from Roanoke, Va.

Sherrell Stevens, New Sandy Creek, Tar River Asso., N. C.; from Clyde's Chapel and Hickory Rock Churches, Johnso nand Tar River Associations, N. C.

Furman Harvey, Chapel Hill, Blue Ridge Asso., N. C., R. 1, Marion, N. C.

Claude Johnson, Watsonville, California, from North Park, Sherman, Texas.

W. D. Lawes, Associate in Evangelism, Arizona, from First, Tucumcari, Arizona.

J. H. Winters, Mt. Tepee, Lone Wolf, Okla., from San Jon, New Mexico.

B. G. Clements, Calvary, Kingsville, Texas, from Corpus Christi, Texas.

Sanford Cole, Briscoe, Texas, from Canadian, Texas.

Ennis Hill, Calvary, Pampa, Texas, from First, Goldsmith, Texas.

Milo B. Arbuckle, Calvary, Lubbock, Texas, from First, Frederick, Oklahoma.

Howard Smith, Elm Grove, West Cowan Assoc., N. C. from Seventh Avenue, Gastonia, North Carolina.

Lawrence V. Bradley, Grove Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, from Stanton Memorial, Miami, Fla.

Marshall Bennett, Motlow, South Carolina.

Thomas C. Faircloth, First, Elberbe, North Carolina, from Southern Seminary.

Paul D. Brinkley, Pike Ave., Birmingham, Alabama, from First, Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Charles E. Carter, Tempe, Arizona, from Wingate, Texas.

Jack McCulloh, Overgaard, Arizona, from Glenwood, N. M.

Marvin B. Leech, Industrial City, Amarillo, Texas.

Hendrick Maxwell, Central Gardens, Nederland, Texas from Riverview, Alexandria, La.

M. A. Smith, Jr., South Beckley, Dallas, Texas, from First, Royce City, Texas.

**Hernando Pastor To Be Arkabutla Evangelist**

Rev. Grant Clarke, pastor at Hernando, will be the evangelist in revival services to be held at Arkabutla Church in Tate County August 8-14.

A different phase of the church work will be featured each night: Monday-Training Union and Sunday School; Tuesday-W.M.U.; Wednesday-Men's and Boys' night; Thursday-Family Night; Friday-Everybody's Night; Saturday-Youth Night.

Rev. Frank Stamps, Memphis, Tennessee, is the pastor.

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**Communist**

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 services requires great courage, he said, and for civil servants it is almost impossible.

He said only six of 16 churches remained open in Kaunas. The Vilna cathedral has been turned into a museum, he said. Only one church is open in each of the cities of Panevezys, Telsiai and Varniai. One church remains open at Ukmarge, but services are not permitted in it, he added.

Mr. Alessandrini reported increased difficulty in training new priests. Only one seminary is open in the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic, he said.

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**JOINS BMC FACULTY**

ERNEST G. MUNTZ

Blue Mountain, Miss., August 2—Ernest G. Muntz who is to join the Blue Mountain College faculty in September as associate professor of history. He is a graduate of Wheaton College and has completed academic and residence requirements for the doctorate in history at the University of Rochester.

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**Purvis, First Ordains Four New Deacons**

During morning worship service on August 8 First Church, Purvis, will ordain four new deacons: T. E. Salter, Bill Salter, Billy Jackson, and Vernon Johnson.

Rev. Burnis Barrett will deliver the charge to the church and the deacons. The pastor, Rev. Paul H. Leber, will bring a special message.

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**NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP) —**

Southern Baptist churches ordered 1,294,985 more pieces of literature for the second quarter of 1954 than for the same period in 1953. Adult Sunday School quarterlies led with 2,054,662. Adult Training Union quarterlies were second with 799,873. Home Life reached a circulation of 661,838 in June.

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New Zion Church, Choctaw County, will hold a revival August 1-6. Services will be 10:45 a.m. 7:45 p.m. Rev. Carey Sensing, of

**Wilburn Matthews Named American Legion Chaplain**

REV. WILBURN MATTHEWS

Rev. Wilburn Matthews of Magee was elected State Chaplain of the American Legion at the state convention held in Jackson, July 4-7. He is believed to be the youngest veteran ever elected as State Chaplain. He is the first Baptist minister to be elected to this position in several years.

Mr. Matthews is pastor of the Vanilla Church and is pursuing his graduate work at the New Orleans Seminary.

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**Baptist Memorial**

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S. Toof Brown, Memphis.

Richard D. Fuller, Memphis.

W. Arch Gaylor, Memphis.

Wallace E. Johnson, Memphis.

Walf C. Jones, Jr., Memphis.

Edmund Orgill, Memphis.

W. B. Pollard, Memphis.

Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, Miss.

Herman Reinhardt, New York.

Caffey Robertson, Memphis.

Aaron Scharff, Memphis.

P. M. B. Self, Marks, Miss.

Norfleet Turner, Memphis.

Roane Waring, Memphis.

Posthumous awards were presented to the families of:

Hays E. Owen.

Will Dockery.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey.

A. E. Jennings.

Dr. H. P. Hurt.

Dr. Thomas S. Potts.

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**CALENDAR OF PRAYER**

August 9 — Rev. L. F. Haire, Calhoun Associational Missionary; Rev. R. A. Hancock, Marion Associational Training Union Director.

August 10 — Sunbeam Focus Week Mrs. G. W. Lyon, Clay Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

August 11 — Rev. J. D. Thompson, Prentiss Associational Organizer of Evangelism; Rev. W. L. Day, Lee Associational Chairman of Evangelism.

August 12 — Mrs. Palmer Harrison, Tippah Associational W.M.U. Superintendent; F. M. Crawford, Walthall Associational Brotherhood President.

August 13 — Mona Daughdrill, BSU President, William Carey College; Curtis A. Smith, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage.

August 14 — Martha Darby, Jones Junior College, State BSU Social Chairman; Edwina Robinson, Historical Society Committee.

August 15 — Albert G. Guyton, Trustee, Blue Mountain; Tom Douglas, Trustee, Clarke College.

Siloam church in Clay County will be the evangelist. Rev. C. E. Snowden is pastor.



## "I Told You So"

It usually peeves us when somebody comes around and says, "I told you so." We try to refrain much as possible, but we have not from using that expression as yet reached that state of perfection where we can refrain from it in this particular instance. We said when the matter of invading Canada came before the Southern Baptist Convention and afterwards that such action would affect the fellowship between Southern Baptists and the Canadian Baptists and that they would not appreciate the action taken.

Two articles in recent issues of the Baptist Record concerning this matter entitle us to say, "I told you so."

The Baptist Union of Western Canada has formally protested the recent action of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, to extend Southern Baptist aid to churches in Canada as a move that "will weaken relationships" between Baptists in Canada and Southern Baptists.

Canadian Baptists have asked for a conference on this matter and the Executive Committee has agreed to such a conference. In fact, to have done otherwise would have been most discourteous.

We believe that our Southern Baptists will still want to cherish and nurture the spirit of fellowship, respect and cooperation. And further, that after this conference that any Southern Baptist agency will refrain from "taking on Canada."

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## As Others Saw It

(Editor's Note: In order that our readers may get a cross section of Southern Baptist thought concerning the Southern Baptist Convention which recently met in St. Louis, we give below and will continue for a few weeks, some of the main thoughts of other Southern Baptist Editors. The editorial below, which is slightly condensed, is by Dr. H. H. McGinty, editor of the Word and Way of Missouri.)

The recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis was not a great meeting but it was a good one. The high hours did not seem to be as high as some of the past, and the low hours were lower than they should have been. But, on the whole, the overtone was harmonious, and the program of work adopted was constructive and progressive.

There were a few low notes which marred what would have been a hymn of Christian love and victory. It was a low note when certain messengers shouted down a brother who had the floor and was speaking to the question of moving the Radio Commission. It becomes Baptists, who claim to love democracy with devotion, to deny a brother the liberty of speech simply because they do not agree with him. He was on a low level when another messenger in the same debate used disguised profanity in reference to a fellow messenger. Such conduct does not belong in the halls of the Southern Baptist Convention.

There were also some rumblings which should be causes for alarm.

There was a twinge of concern when in the discussion of the Oregon-Washington petition, Secretary R. E. Milam appealed the ruling of the chair and this appeal was sustained by the major-

ity of those voting. You would have to go far back in the annals of the Convention to find the record of the last incident of this kind. This does not mean that overruling of the chair is out of place in a democratic body, for it is not. But it is a rare occurrence in the Southern Baptist Convention and the practice might breed a spirit of anarchy.

It appears to have been unfortunate that the matter of moving the Radio Commission from Atlanta was handled as it was. Without doubt, the messengers were unanimous in desiring whatever is best shall be done, but there were many who regretted the matter in which it was presented on Friday morning, after the Convention had made a previous decision in the first session. Heated words which inflame an audience do not create a favorable atmosphere for a wise decision. This was a matter which called for more light and less heat; more deliberation and less pressure.

At times, there were traces of the frenzy which can so easily be generated by impassioned appeals in large bodies. It appeared, on occasions, that there were signs of an East-West contention which could become definitely divisive.

None of these elements may be of serious proportions if they are pinpointed, analyzed, and controlled. But if they should be multiplied and aggravated, they might become serious.

So much for the secondary and the negative. On the other side the Convention was steadfastly loyal to all of its primary purposes. Evangelism, missions and stewardship continued to be the major themes.

The Convention did not resolve all of the problems. Several important matters were referred back to the Executive Committee for further deliberation. Chief among these was the removal of the Radio Commission and the request of the Home Board for the authority to borrow \$3,400,000 for its Church Building Fund. There was some uncertainty also about just how far the Convention should go in offering assistance to churches in Canada.

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## Black Market Hypocrisy

No evidence is needed concerning the hypocrisy of the black market tax which is on the statute books of Mississippi, but we call attention to a recent glaring in-

cident that reinforces the claim of thousands in Mississippi that the tax is nothing but a hypocritical means of legalizing liquor.

We refer to the suit that was brought against Michael T. Morrissey, Vicksburg wholesale liquor dealer.

The suit had been filed by Mrs. Thomas L. Bailey, as tax-collector, against Morrissey and eleven members of the family after payments of the ten per cent tax on an illegal whiskey sale had been discontinued.

The papers report that "In return for dropping the civil suit against him, Morrissey agreed to maintain payments of the black market tax on whiskey sales by his wholesale firm."

In other words, after he paid a black market tax, the suit against him was withdrawn. If he was guilty, he should have been prosecuted, but Morrissey pays the a difference.

In many cases some poor devil with a half dozen pints of liquor is called before the court and prosecuted, but Morrissey pays the black market tax and then the suit which would have cost him thousands of dollars is withdrawn. Could it be that the ten per cent commission which the tax collector receives from black market taxes had anything to do with it?

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## Why Discriminate?

Many churches will soon be making up their budgets for the new church year. We want to call attention to an item that should be included. We refer to an expense account for the pastor.

The pastor is the representative of the church. In other businesses a representative is allowed an expense account. If he drives his car, he is reimbursed at so much per mile. If he has no car and has need for a car, the company



usually furnishes the car.

We notice from church bulletins received in this office that a few churches are providing the pastor with a car expense account, but most of them do not.

Most pastors' salaries are nothing to brag about and even those in the upper bracket should not be expected to provide a car at their own expense, and every pastor drives hundreds of miles every month. It is nothing but fair that the church should take care of such an expense.

Perhaps the reason this item has not been included in many church budgets is that they have simply overlooked it. From now on they know about it, for we are calling it to their attention.

## Our Readers Write

Dear friend and brother:

For many years I have enjoyed the Baptist Record. It literally followed me around the world while I was in the service and was a welcome letter from home the four years I was overseas.

Because there is a real need for articles on personal evangelism, I was glad to see the article about God's Evangelism Program in the marked copy you sent me.

With all due respects to our religious papers, I think one reason we do not have more interest in personal evangelism is because there is so little space given in these papers to the subject.—  
A Retired Chaplain

Coffeeville, Miss., June 21, 1954.

Dear Editor:

In the Baptist Record last week, Henry C. Walker, Ocean Springs, Miss., warned the public to beware of a book "The Drama of the Ages," published by Southern Publishing Co., Nashville, Tenn.

I have a new book, "Drama of the Ages," published by the above company, and I only wish everybody could read it and understand it. According to my Bible, every word of it is true, whether or not we would like to accept it.

The authors whose material was used to constitute this book have spared neither time nor money to gather these true facts, according to Scripture.

This world has withstood many years, and we, of America, have had much freedom, nevertheless, God's laws which are also His words shall abide forever, and we do wrong who would seek to change them. I am a Baptist, but I seek

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## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

## Carmel Is Back

Having experienced the benefits of the EVERY FAMILY Plan in other pastorates, Rev. Harold O'Chester, pastor of Carmel Church in Lawrence County, lost no time in leading Carmel Church to adopt the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Some time ago, Carmel Church, for local reasons, dropped the EVERY FAMILY Plan, but Pastor O'Chester led them to see the value of informed Baptists. The only way for Mississippi Baptists to be informed about Baptist work at home and abroad is through the Baptist Record.

Lawrence County Record readers are now listed as follows: Antioch, 2; ARM, 39; Bethel, 11; CARMEL, 32; CROOKED CREEK, 90; JAY-ESS, 40; MONTICELLO, 123; NEW HEBRON, 141; NEW HOPE, 32; NOLA, 38; OAKVALE, 37; OLD SILVER CREEK, 45; PROVIDENCE, 31; SAUL'S VALLEY, 24; SHILOH, 79; SILVER CREEK, CALVARY, 95; TOPEKA, 21; WANNILA, 47; RIVERSIDE, 20.

## Handsboro

Handsboro Church and Pastor G. P. Dismukes are going places. During the past few years the Sunday School has grown from a class Sunday School to a department school. The enrollment has increased from 309 to 353. During the past two years the church has been listed

as seventh and ninth for training awards. The awards totalled \$600.

Two educational units have been constructed and paid for upon completion. The nursery department was air-conditioned and this led to the air-conditioning of the church auditorium.

In 1952 the church purchased an \$8,500.00 piece of property and began the Emmanuel Mission which has been organized into a church.

Finances have shown a 300 per cent increase and contributions to the Cooperative Program have increased by more than 100 per cent. There have been 380 additions to the church and a church secretary has been employed to take care of the increased work.

The church is now in the last stages of completing a new brick-veneer auditorium which is air-conditioned, equipped with a Baldwin organ, grand piano, and wall-to-wall carpet.

The Handsboro church is a four-star church. It has the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Record readers in Gulfcoast Association are now listed as follows:

BAY ST. LOUIS, 97; KILN (Shifalo), 10; LOGTOWN, 39; LAKE SHORE, 21; BIG RIDGE, 31; BILOXI, FIRST, 357; BILOXI, EAST HOWARD, 162; CALVARY MISSION, 31; GULFPORT, FIRST, 869; GULFPORT, BROADMOOR, 57; GULFPORT, GRACE MEMORIAL, 68; FERNWOOD (BOWEN MEMORIAL), 53 HANDSBORO, 113; LONG BEACH, 172; MISSISSIPPI CITY MISSION, 22; NEW HOPE, 63; PASS CHRISTIAN, 38; Sharon, 15; WEST GULF-

## Bolivar Co. Negro Baptists Break Ground For Seminary



BY H. C. CHERRY

Ceremonies were held at Mound Bayou recently, marking the ground breaking for the construction of a Baptist Seminary to be erected and equipped at a cost of approximately \$40,000.

The building will be of brick and stone and will be owned by the Bolivar County Baptist Association, the largest religious organization among the Negroes in the Delta.

The building will house the Northwest Delta Center, a school of religion, which is a part of the Mississippi Seminary System sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention (white). Dr. Herbert L. Lang is the president.

Shown above are: Hon. Charlie Clark, Rev. Charles Everitt, and Rev. Thomas Philipp. Mr. Clark is mayor of Merigold and Chairman of the Holding Board. Mr. Everitt is one of the faculty members. Also shown are the moderator, Rev. H. C. Cherry, Benoit, and members of his staff and the Building Committee.

Lifting the first spade of earth is Rev. J. L. Joiner, senior member of the moderator's staff, who leads with 75 others in the payment of one dollar, thus opening the \$10,000 campaign for the building.

## Sixth Seminary To Open In The Far East

A Baptist Theological Seminary island of Java, Indonesia, October 11, 1954, according to Dr. Buford

L. Nichols, Southern Baptist missionary. This will be the sixth seminary to be opened in the Far East by Southern Baptist missionaries since their recent evacuation from China.

The other seminaries are in the Philippines, Hong Kong, Formosa, Thailand, and Malaya.

Missionaries connected with the new seminary in Indonesia are Dr. and Mrs. Nichols of Texas and Miss Catherine Walker of South Carolina.

Dr. Nichols wrote, "This announcement is sent out as a prayer request. Pray that God's grace and guidance will make of the seminary a real lighthouse of divine truth."

## Our Readers Write

(Continued from Page Three)

the truth, regardless of the denomination.

MRS. EULA L. COULTER.

Comment: We print below the comment of Mr. Walker. We would also suggest that our readers read COUNSELLOR'S CORNER in the issue of July 29.

Dear Brother Goodrich:

Your letter in regards to a publication of the Southern Publishing Association of Nashville, Tennessee, written by William Henry Branson entitled "The Drama of the Ages," has been received.

There is so much false teaching in this book that you would just have to read it to find out all for yourself, but, on page 55, we find, quote: "The Bible does not teach, however, that the fires of hell are burning now, nor does it claim that sinners are already being tortured. Hell is not a permanent place of punishment where the wicked are to be kept alive throughout eternity. It, instead, is a place where the wicked, after the day of judgment, will be fully and finally destroyed." Page 166—"A Required Ordinance" (Baptism) Ref. note—"Surely such language as this would never have been used by Jesus in speaking of an ordinance that had little or no meaning, or that was not essential in the plan of redemption."

In Chapter 12—The Seventh Day Sabbath is strongly set forth as the right day of worship, as all Adventists believe and preach. This chapter also teaches that the Roman Catholic church instituted Sunday worship, and not Jesus Himself.

In substance, just another cunningly written Adventist publication, very deceitful in its theology, a book that is being sold by its agents thoroughly taught and schooled in the sale of this book. Has a few outstanding pages that sell the book—for \$12.75).

The man who sold the book (without our knowledge of him or the book) on my church field, used my name in his pre-

motion of sales, also that of the Methodist pastor, saying that we heartily endorsed the book so that during a week's time he and his agents sold about 100 of the books.

H. C. WALKER.

P. S.—Their use of the name "Southern"—at Nashville—gives our people the impression that they mean Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville. This also is very misleading to lots of people of our denomination.—HCW.

## THINKS BORROWING UNWISE

At the annual meeting of the Home Mission Board in Glorieta the board renewed its request to the Executive Committee to be authorized to borrow \$3 million to aid in new church buildings, largely in the western section of the convention. A special committee of the Executive Committee will consider this request and bring back their recommendations to the December meeting of the Executive Committee.

There are many of us who feel that it is unwise and unsafe for any agency of the convention to expend more money than our people are providing annually. Debts are easily made and extremely difficult to repay. I feel that if such a debt is authorized upon the part of the Home Mission Board it should be clearly understood that only its assets and its allocation of the Cooperative Program be hypothecated as security for such a debt. It is, in my judgment, utterly unfair and unethical to permit one agency of the convention to contract a debt and offer as security the anticipated support of other agencies of the convention.

I have a haunting fear that if the Home Board again plunges into debt, the tragedy of a few years ago will be repeated in connection with that agency; namely, that all of the receipts of the board will be consumed in paying debts and only the receipts of the Annie Armstrong Offering from the W. M. U. will be available for mission work.

That was the pattern the board was

forced to follow when it was laboring under a \$2 million debt a few years ago.

The majority of our boards are now composed of the fine young men who did not have to face the terrific task of liquidating heavy debts on our agencies. Some of us older pastors shrink from again plunging our denomination into debt. "A burnt child dreads the fire."—John H. Buchanan, Pastor Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Editor:

Attached hereto is a copy of an article clipped from the Baptist Standard that I believe would be of interest to our readers. I shall appreciate it if you will publish it.

MARTIN J. GILBERT.

## DENOMINATIONAL HYBRIDS

We have had several communications concerning Baptist Churches having internal problems created by interdenominational trouble makers. Most of these misfits come from so-called interdenominational or non-denominational schools or seminaries which have sprung up like mushrooms in recent years.

One pastor says the students from one of these schools came into Sunday School classes and into the Training Unions of the church and soon tried to take over. In another Baptist Church in the same city one of these students was brazen enough to protest against the use of Sunday School and Training Union literature. All he wanted was a Scofield Bible.

One pastor wanted to know how we would go about getting rid of a teacher who was not a church member, not even a Baptist, who had ingratiated himself into the hearts of members, and who had been selected by the class to teach. It is easier to tell others how to eliminate these denominational Hybrids than it is to do. The best way and safest way is not to let them get in.

It is the business of a Baptist Church to elect all teachers for the Sunday School fostered by the

church. And it is bad business for a Baptist Church to elect non-Baptists as teachers.

A letter from a pastor in Dallas tells about the trouble he is having with the products of non-denominational schools. "First they came and asked for the privilege of worshipping with us, and some stated they were Baptists . . . Soon they were taking over some of the classes to assist in teaching. Then they wanted to vote in the Sunday School classes and the church. When they were not allowed to do so, they sought to set up their own system of teaching from lesson material not approved by the church. Failing in this, they wanted to start a community church here and teach their way. They came to my home twice and tried to start a disturbance, thinking that they could get some of the members of the church to follow them."

Our Baptist people had better stand by our pastors and churches and back our own Baptist schools. These non-denominational institutions develop denominational hybrids. Their products as a rule (and there are but few exceptions to the rule) are misfits with Baptists.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Legislation designed to curb the distribution of obscene literature through the mails appears to be a casualty of the Congressional adjournment rush. The Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee has sidetracked a bill passed by the House last year to give the Postmaster General authority to impound the mail of any person whom he had reason to believe was introducing indecent material in the mails, contrary to law. This legislation was strongly supported by religious groups during public hearings. The National Organization for Decent Literature, National Council of Catholic Men, and Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs were among groups directly supporting the bill. Editor's Note: They fiddle while Rome burns.



## Sunday School Lesson

BY DR. L. BRACEY CAMPBELL  
For August 15  
SELF-DISCIPLINE FOR GROWTH (TEMPERANCE)  
Bible Texts: Matt. 16:24, 25; I. Cor. 9:24-27; II Tim. 2:3-5; Heb. 12:1-4.

1. "Let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." The disciples never quite caught the full meaning of any words Jesus spoke to them in relation to His suffering. They would not, could not, conceive the idea that He was a suffering Savior. Their

Messiah was to be superior to suffering, not to be thought of as the victim of any humiliating or shameful experience. It was in accord with this conception of the Messiah that "Peter took Him, and began to rebuke Him, saying, 'Be it far from Thee, Lord; this shall never be unto Thee.'"

The anger of our Lord at Peter's words led Him to address Peter as Satan, but immediately thereafter His anger died, and He turned to the other disciples to tell them that, not only must He die, but that they also must face a cross of their own, if they would be known as Christians. If they should desire to be known as His followers, they must begin denying themselves—subjecting themselves to strict discipline if they would gain such mastery of their worldly desires as to enable them to stand approved as His followers.

2. "Know ye not that they who run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?" Don't you know that the racers in a race run every one of them, but the prize goes to the one who breaks the tape at the end of the course. When you go next time to a race, you look, as he draws away from his competitors, at the face and bearing of that panting conqueror—face front with never a glance to right or left or behind, hands slicing the air as though to cleave a pathway through it for his speeding body, his one objective the last step that shall bring him in

## Lucedale To Have August Youth Revival



JOHN COMPERE

John Compere of Greenville will be the Youth Evangelist at the Lucedale Church, for their youth-led revival Aug. 8-15.

Jerry Johnston of Prentiss will direct the music and Martha Lou Sumrall of Crystal Springs will serve as pianist and youth counselor.

Rev. Van H. Hardin is pastor of the church.

ahead, with all the intervening steps to be taken in his stride as rapidly as hurtling body and rowing arms and flying feet can propel him. You who are in the Christian race must so run as that conqueror runs.

"Every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things." Of course he does, if he cherishes even the slightest hope of success in the games. The college athlete accepts assignment to a special table where only the foods that are allotted him are served, or he is placed upon his honor not to eat or drink but of the articles of diet or the liquids that are prescribed. Certain hours must be kept, and certain exercises must be practiced consistently and continuously that his body may become enured to the demands of the game in which he is to play.

So there are things the Christian must not eat or drink, thoughts he must not allow himself to entertain, acts he must not perform, habits he must not follow; while, on the other hand, there are things he must do, things that are hard to do, habits to be practiced until they become spontaneous, if in time he would become an efficient and approved Christian. Nor does there come a time in his life when he can forego the practice of the habits that make and keep him worthy of his calling, or the eschewing of those that would detract from his Christian reputation or ability to serve the Master who summoned him to the higher calling.

3. "Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus." Get this straight and early: The Christian life is not a rose-bordered walk, along which men and women stroll in leisurely gait or beside which they loiter on flowery beds of careless ease; but it is a highway along which soldiers march and fight under the banner of the Son of God as He goes forth to war a kingly crown to win, and the marcher along that kingly highway, every foot of which must be won by the soldiers of the King, must learn what it is to endure the hardships of the heat of the battle with the hosts of evil.

And the good soldier does not entangle himself with a lot of stuff that does not become his life and

## Brotherhood Department

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Date	Place and Host Pastor	Leaders
September 27	Booneville, Rev. C. A. Alexander	George Schroeder
September 28	New Albany, Rev. J. R. Davis	Joel Ray
September 30	Batesville, Rev. Robert Martin	W. R. Roberts
October 1	Tutwiler, Rev. Earl Edwards	Troy Prince
October 4	Calhoun City, Rev. C. H. Cutrell	Joel Ray
October 5	First, Columbus, Dr. S. R. Woodson	W. R. Roberts
October 7	First, Kosciusko, Rev. Loyd Sparkman	James M. Sapp
October 8	First, Yazoo City, Dr. W. C. Fields	Joel Ray
October 11	Calvary, Greenwood, Rev. Dan Morton	W. R. Roberts
October 12	Parkview, Greenville, Rev. Lowrey Comper	David Mashburn
October 14	Morton Baptist, Rev. Carl Duck	Joel Ray
October 15	Bowmar Ave., Vicksburg, Dr. R. A. Tullos	W. R. Roberts
October 18	Immanuel, Natchez, Rev. Allen Johnson	James M. Sapp
October 19	First, Meridian, Dr. Walter Moore	Joel Ray
October 21	Highland, Laurel, Rev. James Hurt	W. R. Roberts
October 22	First, Brookhaven, Rev. Brooks Wester	James M. Sapp
October 25	First, Hattiesburg, Rev. Clyde Bryan	Joel Ray
October 26	First, Biloxi, Dr. G. C. Hodge	W. R. Roberts
October 28	First, Columbia, Dr. A. L. Gatewood	James M. Sapp
October 29	East, McComb, Dr. T. D. Sumrall	Joel Ray

actions as a soldier, nor burden himself with a mass of baggage that will but serve to impede his progress and hamper his movements on the field of battle. These things he will avoid for the honor of his legion and the glory of his commander.

Under the banner of Prince Emmanuel? But here, devoted, knightly conduct distinguishes the bearing of all those who belong to that legion. Watch ye, quit ye like men, be strong, if you have taken your place in that company.

4. In this wonderful passage from Hebrews, the writer has been calling to the box the witnesses to the efficacy of faith in the different classes of crises that buffet men and women in the course of their lives. And when he has completed his roll-call of the heroes of faith, he makes an exhortation. "Therefore, let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses." We are surrounded by them, and they are witnesses, look you, and not spectators merely. They are not present primarily to see how we run, but to bear witness to the sufficiency of faith, just simple faith in God as a bearer-up of man in any and every situation into which the events of his life may cast him.

Faith in God is sufficient in every emergency. The witnesses have testified, and the testimony has been all of one design and drift. Now, "Let us lay aside every weight," every association and companionship, every acquired practice and dominant habit that may weigh us down in the race before us, every single thing that may be a handicap to us, stripped of that which might hinder our progress as the racer in the olden time, his training finished, stripped of all unnecessary weights, ready to skim the earth with a fleetness acquired by training and devotion to the race and desire to run it well.

"The sin which doth so easily beset us." What sin is that? Depends upon you. Which is the sin that most easily doth beset you? You have your darling sin and I have mine. Ask me and I'll tell you that my sin—Oh well, it may

be a sin, if you want to put it that way, but it is not nearly so vile as your sin is, your sin, now that is a sin sure enough.

My sin is negligible, it can hardly be called a sin, so insignificant is it, but your sin, now that sin is a whopper, if you ask me, and I think I know sins when I see them. But no, sir, sin is sin—mine, yours, anybody's. And my sin is the very sin this writer is talking about.

Let me lay my pet sin aside, the sin tailored to my very measure, the very sin that is most native to me. "And run with patience." There is progress to be made in the Christian life, and the making of that progress demands patience. "Looking away unto Jesus." "Away?" Yes, away from everything else in the world. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. He is the captain of the column of the faithful. He had and exercised more faith than anybody else ever did or ever will. Look unto Him, away from every foe that threatens, to Him who promises success in the race of life that is run in faith. And He will give that which He has promised, because He is faithful that promised.

## 40 DECISIONS MADE IN BLAINE REVIVAL

In the recent revival services at Blaine Church there were 40 decisions, 24 professions of faith, and 16 additions by letter.

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### First Assembly Opens Next Monday

The first two great Training Union Assemblies opens next Monday at Camp Garaywa.

Some churches which should have done so have not seen to it that their Junior and Intermediate workers along with a choice group of their Intermediates and Young People have an opportunity to attend one of these assemblies.

The reservation list for the first week is filling up rapidly and we anticipate capacity attendance for both weeks. Our deadline is not a date but a number. We will not accept reservations past 250 per week.

Because this article is being written some 8 days prior to the publication date of this paper we cannot say "there is still room," but we do say—there may be room yet so Act Now. Send in your reservation list today.

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Mail your reservation fee of \$2.00 or write for information to Baptist Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson.

### First Week Facts

During the First Training Union Assembly, August 9-14, the speaker will be Dr. Luther Joe Thompson

of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson. Musicians will be Mr. Eugene F. Quinn of Carbondale, Illinois, and Miss Betty Valentine of Jackson.

Leading the Morning Watch period will be Dr. and Mrs. Wilfred Tyler of Blue Mountain with Mrs. J. H. Street of Conway, Arkansas, leading the devotional period "Under the Stars" each evening. The banquet speaker on Monday will be Rev. L. Gordon Sansing of Broadmoor Church, Jackson. Tuesday morning Dr. Chester L. Quarles will be the featured speaker.

Specialists for the methods workshops will be: Alton Yarbrough of Laurel for Adults; Clyde Bizzel of Pensacola, Florida for Young People; Miss Jo Anna Crouch of Moorhead and Miss Monte McMahan of Greenwood for Intermediates; Miss Doris Perry of Tupelo and Miss Ethel McKeithen of Jackson for Juniors and Mrs. George Week of Jackson for Junior-Intermediate Leadership.

Those directing the special Intermediate conferences are Dr. and Mrs. Wilfred Tyler; Dr. W. C. Fields of Yazoo City; Mrs. J. H. Street; Mrs. J. C. Greenoe and Miss Sammie Campbell.

—BR—

### TRAINING UNION CONDUCTS MID-WEEK PRAYER SERVICE

Miss Marguerite Hill, who is the Training Union Director at Blue Mountain, writes that during this period when the church is without a pastor, the church is using its Training Union people to provide devotional leaders and special music and song leaders for the Wednesday evening Prayer Service. This is taking to heart the idea of the Prayer Meeting Attendance Crusade.

### LAWRENCE MASS MEETING

The Lawrence County Baptist Training Union Association met recently at Monticello church for its quarterly mass meeting. Mr. Wilmer T. Letchworth, Associational Training Union Director presided over the meeting. A total of 68 people were present with 2 churches represented.

The featured speaker was the Rev. Stanley Smith, who brought the message, "Christian Progress."

Shiloh Church was awarded three banners, the efficiency, mileage and attendance banners at the meeting.

—BR—

### "THIS MY SON" TO BE READY IN SEPTEMBER

"This My Son," Southern Baptists' first dramatic film prepared for use on television, will be released for premier showings shortly after its completion in September, it was announced today.

The drama is termed by religious movie-making professionals as "the outstanding religious television film of the past three years." "This My Son" first will be seen in Southern Baptist churches throughout the convention and released by Baptist Book-

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

School	Enrol.	Offer.
Bethel (Pontotoc)	71	10.01
Mt. Moriah (Choctaw)	63	6.16
Bridges Chapel (Negro)	50	2.00
Coffeeville	150	16.00
Pleasant Grove (Prentiss)	30	10.00
Pleasant Ridge (Prentiss)	66	6.00
Cedar Grove (Leake)	95	8.31
Wiggins (Leake)	53	8.49
Vaiden	121	19.20
Holly Bluff (Yazoo)	100	12.00
Old Town (Calhoun)	37	7.73
Sylvarena (Copolah)	82	10.45
St. Paul (Negro)	191	11.79
Columbus (Calvary)	154	35.00
Coldwater (Marshall)	79	5.24
Liberty Hill (Panola)	73	9.96
Beaumont	100	15.23
Bethel (Rankin)	45	7.63
Cato (Rankin)	53	16.33
Pilgrim Rest (Zion)	64	6.85
Clarkson (Zion)	98	15.40
Bethel (Mississippi)	64	11.42
Corinth First	123	23.17
East Side (Jackson)	117	14.04
Spring Hill (Marshall)	41	11.00
Port Gibson	90	25.67
Holmesville (Pike)	53	11.54
Glendale (Lebanon)	120	14.36
Laurel, Highland	173	17.40
Crystal Ridge (Winston)	60	4.18
Carson	86	25.18
Corinth Calvary, Mission	40	7.82
Darling	112	7.53
New Haven (Choctaw)	62	10.00
Macedonia (Winston)	36	8.54
Sardis (Smith)	60	14.30
Jackson, Parkway	301	118.15
Liberty (Scott)	82	9.50
Darlove	91	8.43
Gainesville (Pearl River)	42	.....
Remus (Leake)	46	1.15
Macedonia (Calhoun)	68	11.01
Bethsaida (Montgomery)	94	16.47
Union (Clarke)	71	13.10
Ovett (Jones)	94	12.00
Brewer (Perry)	30	11.06
East Vier (Lauderdale)	123	26.74
Peach Creek (Panola)	81	15.15
Agricola	186	10.73
Carmel (Lawrence)	107	9.46

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Watch your state Baptist paper and your daily newspapers for further announcement of premier showings in your state.

### Elaine Church Ordains O. E. Herrington



REV. O. E. HERRINGTON

Oscar E. Herrington of Elaine Church, Jackson, was ordained recently to the full work of the gospel ministry.

The pastor at Elaine, Rev. R. R. Newman, preached the ordination sermon; Rev. A. B. Pierce, pastor, Crestwood Church, led the ordination prayer; Rev. J. H. Royalty, pastor of Emmanuel Church, presented the Bible and gave the charge; R. D. Russell, deacon, presented the Pastor's Manual. (The Bible and Pastor's Manual were gifts of the Elaine Church.)

Other deacons taking part in the service were W. L. Mahaffey, R. C. Smith, W. L. Lilly, and W. C. Cole.

Mr. Herrington is pastor of the church at Burns. He plans to re-enter Mississippi College this fall. He is married and is the father of three children.

—BR—

Gainesville Church will hold its annual revival meeting August 22-27. Rev. R. R. Gordon, student at Clarke College, will be the evangelist. The pastor, Rev. John W. Kitchens, will lead the singing.

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### BOARD OF ABSENTEES TO MEET REGULARLY

Dr. R. A. Tullios, pastor, Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, in the church bulletin tells of a meeting that will at least be interesting to our readers, even if not applicable. The article follows:

1. The Board of Absentees will meet each time the services of the church meet. At this meeting ways and means of keeping the attendance as low as possible, will be devised. We will see that there is no enthusiasm for the increased attendance.

2. The Board of Absentees will discuss ways of decreasing the offerings.

3. The Board of Absentees will seek to weaken the preaching of the Word.

4. The Board of Absentees will seek to weaken the preaching service by staying away.

5. The Board of Absentees is composed of the following members:

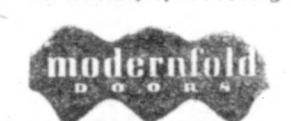
Mr. Real Unconcern, Chairman.  
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Mrs. At-Ease.  
Mr. Lazy.  
Mrs. Every-Other-Sunday.  
Mr. & Mrs. Don't-Come-at-All.  
Mr. & Mrs. Don't-Like-The-Preacher.

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### STATE MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER

Sept. 13-15.  
Program material has already been sent to the WMU presidents and BWC chairmen. It should be read and carefully studied by the program committee before final plans are made.

### YEAR BOOKS—HANDBOOKS

Now ready!  
The 1954-55 issues of these important publications have just come from the press and are available from the WMU office. The Year Book is 15 cents and the Handbook 10 cents. The free copies (one for the president one for the young people's director) will be sent when the list of new officers is received in the WMU office.

### WMU Special Day

The list of receipts from the Missionary Societies will be printed in this column next week. This is a final reminder to be sure yours is sent in by that time.

### WMS CAMP

Call for new WMU Officers! Make your plan to attend the full camp period, Aug. 24-26, if possible—otherwise don't miss the opportunity of at least ONE DAY! Come early and stay late. There is a blessing in store for you! Missionary, messages, methods conferences, fellowship and inspiration await you.

### ROYAL AMBASSADORS

Many questions have been asked about the future promotion of Royal Ambassadors. A special committee of pastors, Brotherhood and WMU members are to meet in early August to formulate two suggested plans:

1. A plan for the churches with a Brotherhood and a WMU.
2. A plan for the churches with a WMU and no Brotherhood.

These suggested plans will be printed and available by Aug. 23rd. Woman's Missionary Union is interested in the missionary education of our boys and will continue to help in any way needed.

### GLORIETA WMU CONFERENCE

We reported that Mississippi WMU had the 4th largest delegation present for the conference: New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma had more than we had. The 49 women present received many blessings. The following WMU's had representation: Bay Springs, Bovina, Columbus First, Ellisville, Forest Hill Jackson, Florence, Grenada First, Hollandale, Gulfport First, Jackson Calvary, Jackson Parkway, Jackson Daniel, Jackson Northside, Jackson First, Laurel Second, Laurel First, Lexington, Magnolia, Petal, Pentotoc, Raymond, Sandersville, Kilmichael, Vicksburg First, Yazoo City First,

Natchez and Amory.

### ALCOHOL AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY

This is the title of a challenging book. Each Community Missions chairman and committee should read and study the book and it could well be included as one of the scheduled books for study. Miss Stokely, our southwide director of Community Missions recommends it very highly. The Baptist Book Store has copies for 65 cents each.

### GOING TO THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE?

If so, you would profit from reading and studying "From London to London" written by Miss Blanche White of Virginia. This can be secured for \$1.00 from the Baptist Book Store.

### BRAZIL, BRAZIL, BRAZIL

This is our field for study this fall in our mission study. Begin now gathering all information possible on this interesting neighbor to the south of us. The books are now ready at the Baptist Book Store.

WMS, Pilgrimage to Brazil by Everett Gill, Jr., 60 cents.

YWA, Land of Many World by Robert G. Bratcher, 60 cents.

Int. GA AND RA—Flying Missionaries by Robert Standley, 35 cents.

Jr. GA and RA—Adventure in Brazil by Aleene Wise, 35 cents.

Sunbeams—Little Missionary by Joan Riffey Sutton, 35 cents.

The free helps for teachers may be secured from the Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond, Va. Be sure and state for which book helps are desired.

### A Suggestion For The Next Pastors' Conference

BY JAMES HERRICK HALL  
Editor, Good Tidings,  
Washington, D. C.

I would like to use this means to offer a suggestion to Ramsey Pollard concerning the next Pastors' Conference of the SBC. Pollard, pastor of Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tenn., has been giving dynamic leadership to our Pastors' Conference. The suggestion is not a backward look of criticism but is a forward look toward expanding the function of one of our most valuable assemblies.

I would like to see the program of the Pastors' Conference include two conference periods of at least two hours each. The conferences would be problem centered at the level of the local pastor and could be concerned with a wide range of problems. If there are adequate Sunday school rooms which could be used for conference meetings, there might be forty to fifty se-

### CHURCHES CAN DO IT

In Dr. J. E. Conant's book, EVERY-MEMBER EVANGELISM, Harper and Brothers, he tells how God's Evangelism plan worked for a church in Indiana.

"The pastor did the preaching and the meeting continued three weeks without the slightest interest among the unsaved. Of the 1,500 or more of them in the city, not one came.

"Finally, they were able to secure a young stone mason from Chicago. His uncouth appearance and foreign accent were against him but he was a consecrated personal worker.

"Taking one of the deacons with him, he started out, calling at every house. He insisted on seeing everyone, servants and all. In each home he gave a tender, earnest exhortation, had prayer where desirable, and left with an invitation to the meetings.

"Within three or four days, others began doing the same work. Before the meeting closed, a large number, including many of the converts, were doing this house-to-house work.

"The results were immediate. On the first night after the house-to-house personal work began, there were several new faces in the meetings; within a week the house was full. Soon two other churches in the city were also in meetings and each had their houses full.

"Before the meetings closed, every unsaved soul in the city had the Gospel most earnestly presented to him at least two or three times. Hundreds received Christ."

Now note just what they had done. They had systematized both the field and the labor, and had followed the Divine Program according to the Master's instructions. They turned the field into one big district and went systematically into every house in the city and carried the Gospel to the lost. They had witnessed informally in private in every home. The Gospel was preached formally at a public service every evening in three churches. And the program worked! The Lord's program works.—Fishers of Men.

parate conferences, provided, of course, that there are forty to fifty problems with which local pastors need help.

If the program committee could follow this suggestion, there could be forty conference leaders, forty observers, forty resource people, and forty conference recorders. This would put 160 of our able people into worthy activity. This plan is widely and effectively used in education leadership meetings. Such meetings result in great motivation and inspiration. They afford an opportunity for individuals in large assemblies to satisfy their specific needs. The basis of individual participation is greatly expanded.

A survey directed to a sample of the pastoral constituency could identify the problems of greatest concern as well as a wide range of leadership personnel to direct the group meetings. Such a survey could be conducted by graduate students in Religious Education at our seminaries under the direction of their research staffs.

The writer believes that these suggestions are in harmony with the character and purposes of the Pastors' Conference and hopes that they will receive thorough evaluation by the program committee of the Pastors' Conference.

### Dr. Curtis Vaughan Is Belen Evangelist



DR. W. CURTIS VAUGHAN

Dr. W. Curtis Vaughan, Professor of Greek New Testament at the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will be the evangelist in a revival at the Belen Church August 8-15.

Mr. Vaughan is a native of Memphis, Tennessee and a graduate of the Union University, Jackson, Tennessee and the Southwestern Seminary. He held pastorates in the states of Tennessee and Texas before assuming his professorial duties.

Music for the revival will be under the direction of Pastor C. H. Melton.

### Man Of Distinction

At least liquor does make a distinction even though it does not always make a "man of distinction" unless disgrace or murder is the basis of distinction.

For instance, take the case of the man in White Plains, New York. Mixing speeds of 70 miles an hour with visits at taverns along the way, he ran through a fence into a private yard and killed two innocent children who were playing in

their own yard.

Because he was drunk he received a very light sentence of one and a half to three years in prison. Had he shot the two children in cold blood he probably would have gone to the electric chair.

But the children are just as dead, due to his having distinguished himself by getting drunk, as though he had shot them in cold blood.

—BR—

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were Rev. Harold E. O'Chester, Monticello; Rev. C. R. Maples, Jackson; Rev. F. K. Shipp, Clinton; G. L. Myrick, Kosciusko; Rev. Charles Ray Dampier, Silver Creek.

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Roger Dorsett, left, of Miss. College and Memphis, has been recommended for Youth-led Revival preaching by Dr. Otto Sutton and Mr. C. E. Myrick, of Memphis, and by Mr. Charles Tolbert, Miss. College and Jerry DeLaughter, of Miss. College and Natchez, for song leader or preacher by Rev. Wayne Coleman and Mr. Aubrey H. Brown Natchez, and by Mr. Tolbert.

### MR. FARMER LOSES FATHER

All of us in the Student Work sincerely sympathize with Mr. Louie Farmer and his loved ones in the recent loss of his father and pray God's blessings upon them all.

### PERRY AND NEWTON FIRST TO REPORT

Perry and Newton county associations are the first in the state to report the setting of dates for their associational stewardship rallies, it has been revealed by Rev. Joe Abrams, Director of Promotion.

The Perry County Rally will be held Aug. 20 at Beaumont Church with Chairman Rev. A. R. Miller, in charge while the Newton Rally will be held at the Decatur Church Sept. 6 with chairman Rev. James Griffith directing.

The purpose of the Rally will be to present the Stewardship Revival plans to the leadership of the churches in the association, to assure that each church has been enlisted, to complete final plans and to stimulate enthusiasm. Upon this rally will depend much of the success of the Revival in the association.

Every association is urged to follow the lead of Perry and Newton Counties, set its date for the Stewardship Rally, and send a return card to Rev. Joe Abrams, Director of Promotion, Jackson.

As other associations set their dates they will be listed in the Baptist Record.

Two additional stewardship chairmen have just been selected, Rev. J. W. T. Siler, Arcola, for Washington County, and Rev. H. T. Eldridge, Summit, for Pike County. Sixty-three of the 5 associations now have chairmen.



### MISCELLANEA

Again we urge our pastors to schedule a special Off-to-College Day this month. . . There's still time to get into the Miss. delegation for Student Week at Glorieta if you'll send your \$2 registration fee to us immediately. . . Pray for State Pre-School Retreat beginning Sat. . . A gift of \$30 from First Church, Jackson, brings SSM total of \$1544.41. . . Perk Jr. BSUs have been joining with other groups in campus worship service every Tues. . . At Ole Miss, an "intense visitation" is in progress. Only 5 of the 28 BSUs in Miss. do not have a BSU Director. Four of these are in Hinds County.

### PUCKETT ADDS 15 IN ANNUAL REVIVAL

Puckett Church held its annual revival July 18-23. There were 15 additions, 10 of which were by profession of faith and 2 by letter.

Dr. Lewis Rhodes, pastor at Daniel Memorial Church, was the evangelist, and Mr. Dowitt Pickering, song director at Taylorsville Church, was the singer.

Rev. Bobby Magee is the pastor.

### WRITERS' CONFERENCE SET FOR GLORIETA ON AUGUST 26

NASHVILLE, Tenn. . . (BP) . . . Writing nonfiction, writing fiction, and a roundtable discussion are some of the main subjects up for discussion at the annual Writers' Conference to be held at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. Mex., August 26-31.

Floyd Baskette, professor of the Department of Journalism, University of Colorado, will discuss writing nonfiction, and Wilfred McCormick, author of short stories and lecturer on creative writing, University of New Mexico, will use as his subject "Writing Fiction."

Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Albert McClellan, director of publications of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville; Floyd Baskette, and Wilfred McCormick will lead a roundtable discussion on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday evening. Points for discussion are "Opportunities in Christian Journalism," "Points and Viewpoints for Successful Writers," and "Religion in the Newspaper."

The conference is open each year to all people interested in religious journalism throughout the convention.

### Ridgecrest Staff Holds Christmas Observance

RIDGECREST, N.C. (RNS) — It was a little warm, but the staff of the Southern Baptist conference center here celebrated Christmas on July 25 again this year.

The observance is held annually so that the staff can be together to share the Christmas spirit and also to show what "a real Christmas" can be like without all the commercialization.

Staffers say that despite the unseasonable weather, the "beauty and purity of this Christ-centered Christmas" makes it a memorable event in their lives.

The observance lasts for a week and includes the singing of Christmas carols, Christmas decorations, a play and an outdoor pageant, a Christmas dinner, and, of course, religious services.

Many former staff members, now living in various parts of the world, send Christmas cards and greetings to the staff during the July Christmas season every year.

Instead of exchanging gifts the staff members make contributions to a fund that is presented in Christ's name to some worthy cause. This year, a needy family in Western North Carolina will be aided.

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### MISSISSIPPI REACHES 87% IN MSP GOAL

Tentative count in Mississippi of Ministers Retirement Plan members transferring into the new Ministers Security Plan reveals a percentage of 87 per cent, compared with an over-all average of 98.32 per cent.

Number of active members in the Mississippi MRP on January 1 totaled 381. Two-thirds of this number was the goal to be reached before adoption was possible. Of this number, 314 pastors, with their churches, have agreed to participate in the new Security Plan. Fifteen states have reached more than 100 per cent of their goal. This is possible because of additional new MRP members joining since January.

Ministers Retirement Plan members who transfer into the Security Plan after this date must join on January 1 or July 1 of any succeeding year, with small penalty. All those who are not in any plan must come into the new Southern Baptist Protection Plan, only retirement program for pastors open to new members.

### Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

#### In-Law-Trouble

##### Question:

My mother-in-law keeps spoiling my wife who is an only child. If she needs spoiling (which she definitely doesn't), I think it is my time now. My wife thinks I'm just jealous to want to deprive her mother of this pleasure as she is all the mother has. But I would like to be the one to give my wife all these gifts and attention. Am I being selfish? What should I do?

##### Answer:

Have you tried looking yourself squarely in the mirror? Why are you so threatened by these "gifts and attention"? When a man marries a woman, he does not possess her body and soul. She cannot suddenly sever ties which developed for twenty years or so.

However, I know how you feel. It makes a man "second fiddle" to see the in-laws play such a prominent role in his wife's life. No one of us likes this. But you can hardly change your wife. She may change herself if she is smart. But about the poorest thing a husband or wife ever tries is to reform their mate. And you certainly cannot change your mother-in-law. To her you are probably the villain who stole her choice toy.

I know that the Bible speaks of leaving father and mother. And this is very necessary. But as I know human nature, people leave

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### ROUNDLAKE ANNOUNCES COMING REVIVAL

August 15-20 Roundlake Church in Bolivar county will hold its summer revival services. Rev. L. Morgan, pastor at Skene, will be the evangelist.

Rev. Charles Everett, Bolivar Associational missionary, is serving as mission pastor.

their parents households without leaving their hearts.

Try being frank with your wife. She probably has a imagination enough to see that you are suffering over the situation. And my guess is that if she is a good Christian she will gradually change. The Bible and the church can help here. Real faith produces growth.

In the meantime, enjoy the gifts your wife receives.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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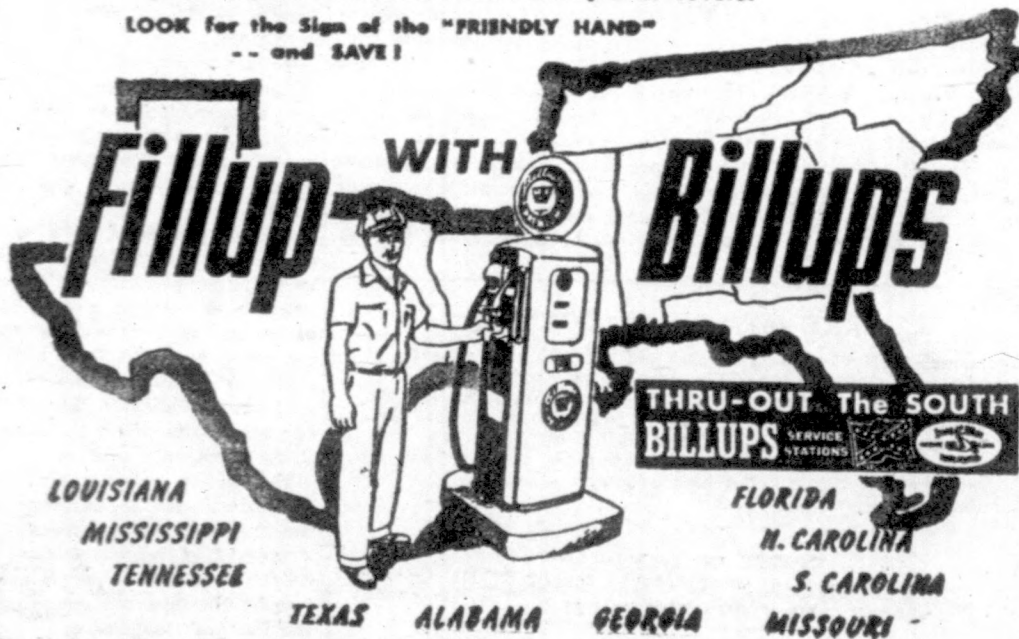
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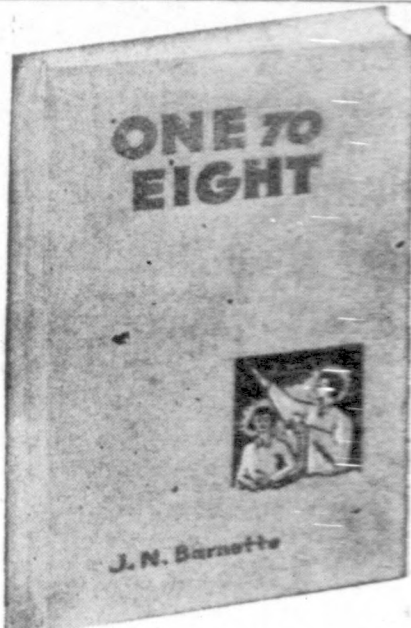
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"One To Eight" is the title of the new book by Dr. J. N. Barnette that is to be taught during Victory Week, September 20-24.

These may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. Order now so as to be sure and have them on hand at that time.

### VICTORY WEEK NEARS September 19-26

Is the idea of Victory Week that we shall all spend a full week of rejoicing over the results of this year?

Not at all. No, sir, it is not to be a week of doing nothing in particular.

Surely, we do want to rejoice over all the good things that have been accomplished during the past year, and to thank God for them, but there is still other work to be done, more land to conquer, other fields to be reached, more people to be won and helped.

The idea of Victory Week is that we shall spend the nights of that week in a study of the new book, "One To Eight." This book is now in the Baptist Book Store, Jackson.

"One To Eight" is a study of some means and methods of changing the ratio of our baptisms to church membership. It is now about one baptism to every twenty church members. Many churches have greatly reduced that in the last few years. Others should.

So, Brother Superintendent, let's make plans to observe Victory

Week, September 19-26, in a most worthy way. Start plans early and get as many of your workers, and all others, as possible to commit themselves to cooperate in the program of that week.

It is a Southwide plan. There will be thousands of churches in on it at that time, working for a common purpose.

### ELECTION OF WORKERS

Sunday school work is definitely church work. It is a vital part of the church program. As such, it is right and proper that all the officers (not class) and teachers shall be elected by the church.

Since the new year begins the first of October, the election must be not later than September, and the earlier the better. The Nominating Committee should be appointed not later than August, and even July is better. The committee needs ample time for this important service.

### THE COMMITTEE'S WORK

The work of the nominating committee is in three parts, as follows:

#### 1. Prayer.

No selections should be made without prayerful consideration. It is one of the most vital parts of the work of a church for the entire year, and certainly deserves to be prayed for. The Committee will very probably have several meetings, and in all these there should be prayer, as well as between committee meetings.

#### 2. Selection.

This is the part of going over carefully the entire list of places to be filled, and then thinking through the church membership to get for each place of service the best person possible for that particular place.

Not all Sunday school work is the same type. Some of it is administrative, some secretarial, some teaching, some devotional,

## Catechism Series Begins August 19

Much interest is being shown in the forthcoming series of articles based on A CATECHISM OF BIBLE TEACHINGS, by Dr. John A. Broadus, which is to begin in the issue of August 19. The articles will be brief, concise, and free from high-sounding, theological terms. Everybody can understand them.

Every Baptist in Mississippi needs to read this series of articles. Those well-grounded in the faith need to be refreshed in their beliefs and those that are weak on Baptist beliefs will certainly want to read every word of them.

Many have friends to whom they should send copies. A good idea would be to subscribe for them. It will do the subscriber good as well as the person who receives the Baptist Record.

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## Reid Moore An Artist In Children's Records

The Broadman Press, Nashville, has entered the field of production of children's religious recordings with the announcement of the first volume, which consists of thirty-six songs, six songs on each subject.

Titled "Songs for Children Under Six," the subjects are: God's Out of Doors; God's Love and Care; Jesus, Our Friend; Being Friends; Living Happily Together; My Church.

The recording artists are: Mrs. John Kelly Breast, Jr., formerly Miss Winnifred Smith, soprano, a graduate of George Peabody College with experience in radio and television work; Reid Moore, tenor, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Jackson, and Dr. Loren R. Williams, pianist, associate in the Board's Department of Church Music.

The songs and music were selected by the Nursery and Beginner Workers at the Sunday School Board and may be used for group singing, as listening music, to create atmosphere, to enrich play experiences and to teach songs.

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The Baptist Record is in receipt of a well-planned brochure setting forth the history, growth and development of the Second Church, Greenville, Rev. M. E. Perry, pastor. The work has many pictures and carries encouraging statistical reports.

A program designed to strengthen rural churches will be inaugurated by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in September. Carl A. Clark will head the program.

During the three Training Union weeks at Ridgecrest, 10,118 people were registered. The second week broke all records with 3,535 registered.

some social, etc. The idea is to get the best in all places. This is where knowledge of the particular type of work for each place is so valuable.

#### 3. Enlistment.

This is the part of getting each worker to accept the place to which he has been chosen by the committee. Not all of them will accept immediately, but will want to think and pray over it, which surely is right. Others will accept immediately. So, it takes time to get all of them enlisted.

## New Dean At Southern



### DR. LOUISE FOREMAN BLOUNT

Dr. Louise Foreman Blount, formerly dean of women at Mary-Hardin Baylor College in Texas, has accepted the position of director of women's activities at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. The new position, created recently by the Seminary's Board of Trustees, will relate to the women students and student wives of the Seminary. Mrs. Blount will also have a major assignment in connection with the evening school of the Seminary. The school is designed primarily to serve student wives who work during the day.

Mrs. Blount is widely known as an associate of Dr. Frank H. Leavell in the formative days of the Baptist Student Union movement. She was the first woman to serve as associate secretary in the B.S.U. Department.

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## Rome Church Adds Seven

Dr. J. S. Riser, pastor of Webb Church, was the evangelist in a revival at Rome Church July 18-25.

Max Dorr, Mississippi College student from Sardis, led the singing. There were three professions of faith, four by letter, four rededications and one who surrendered for special Christian service. The pastor is Rev. R. W. Porter.

## Benton Co. Youth Rally Shows Steady Growth

The ten-week-old Benton County Youth Rally is growing steadily. Organized on May 29 at Bluff Springs Church, the Youth Rally elected Rev. Clyde V. Thompson as its president. There were 57 present. Eight weeks later, when the Rally again met at Bluff Springs, there were 167 present.

Eleven of the thirteen Baptist churches in Benton County actively participate in the Youth Rally.

As a result of the Rally two young ladies have surrendered to full-time Christian service.

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Professor E. L. Douglas, Bible instructor at Mississippi College, Clinton, served as interim pastor of First Church, Union, January 7-July 11. As an expression of love and appreciation for his untiring ministry, the church at his last service there presented him with a mahogany rolling tea table.

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Shown here is the Youth Choir of the Second Avenue Church of Laurel. This choir has made outstanding contributions to the evening worship services since it was organized recently. J. D. Roseberry is director of the choir.

Pictured as follows, the members of the choir are: First row, left to right, Carolyn Walters, Mary Story, Judy Williams, Anne Jenkins, Miss Sara Jo Pennebaker (organist), Modena Martin, Ann Miller, Betty Sanders. Second row, Patsy Swinney, Martha Smith, Roberta Middleton, Molly McLellan, Barbara Easterling, Charlotte Hartman, Carolyn Kelly, Marie Ratcliff, Nelia Lou Joplin, Annette Vick. Third row, J. D. Roseberry, Paul Pickering, Michael Myrick, Dennis Smith, Howard Holder, Ray Baldwin, Kenneth Faulkner, Phil Parish and Richard Brogan.

## W. BYRON JAY RESIGNS AT GRIFFITH MEMORIAL



REV. W. BYRON JAY

Rev. W. Byron Jay has resigned as associate to the pastor and minister of music of the Griffith Memorial Church, of Jackson to accept a call from the Central Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama as associate to the pastor.

Mr. Jay has been at the Griffith Church for two years and is a '54 graduate of Mississippi College.

Mr. Jay is a native of Mobile, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Josie L. Jay of that city.

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: June Powell, Independence; Jamie Miller, Independence; Rev. Billy Green, Independence; John Bailey, Independence; Rev. M. Jack Courtney, Wesson; DeLois Farish, Jackson; Myrtilla Burris, Jackson; Patsy Eakes, Philadelphia; Jane Townsend, Philadelphia; Rev. Marvin K. Lee, Carriere; and Mitzie Flaherty, Meridian.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

August 1, 1954

Clarksdale	348	108
Hattiesburg, Main St.	883	373
Petal-Harvey	386	133
Main School	347	
Harvey	39	
Laurel, First	516	142
Edwards	84	44
Meridian, Poplar Springs		

Drive	343	125
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	663	291
Jackson, Highland	118	80
White Rock Mission	13	
Jackson, First	1284	446
Jackson, Ridgecrest	277	99
Jackson, North Side	473	150
Jackson, Crestwood	488	378
Jackson, Van Winkle	461	231
Van Winkle Mission	54	55
Jackson, Calvary	1333	373
Calvary Mission	48	26
Jackson, Parkway	1010	485
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	185	112
Flowood		104
Cleveland, Immanuel	107	93
Canton, Center Terrace	295	127
Jackson, South Side	343	162
Jackson, Broadmoor	389	162
Byram (Hinds)	138	110
Richland (Rankin)	213	69
Stonewall	213	122
West Point, Calvary	224	139
Clarksdale, Riverside	171	72
Nola	70	55
Wayside (Yalobusha)	63	
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	158	78
McComb, Friendship	218	
Gulfport, First	922	290
Corinth, Tate St.	299	98
Yazoo City, First	481	128
Crystal Springs, First	669	212
Hernando	167	46
Hardy (Grenada)	82	73
Grenada, First	731	188

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Metts, Winona; Ann Broome, Pace; Rev. B. J. Broome, Pace; Peggy Willard, Pace; Mary Helen Symonds, Pace; Joyce Linley, Duncan; Martha Swords, Pace; Dora Lou Waggoner, Jackson; Brenda Bailey, Independence; Lynnda Scruggs, Independence.

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Oak Grove Church Holmes County, will hold revival services August 15-20. Rev. Willis Carpenter will be the evangelist and the pastor, Rev. Volie Scott, will lead the singing.

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During the revival held at Pilgrim's Rest Church in Panola County on July 25-31, there were 28 decisions made, 12 of these professions of faith. Bob Malone surrendered to preach. Rev. Henry Bennett, pastor at Byram, was the visiting evangelist. Rev. Gwin T. Turner is the pastor.



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School group of the Macedonia Church in Lincoln County. Rev. A. W. Talbert is the pastor. There were seven decisions during the school and most of these came into the church for baptism during the revival. There were 100 rededications of the boys and girls of Junior and Intermediate age. Pastor Talbert says that the boys and girls of Macedonia Church are readers of the Record.

## RIPLEY HONORS REV. GEORGE GAY

On Wednesday night, July 28, First Church, Ripley, held a reception in honor of Rev. George Gay and his family.

Mr. Gay recently resigned at Ripley to accept the pastorate of First Church, Marianna, Florida. The prayer meeting, immediately preceding the reception, was his last service at the Ripley Church.

The church presented Mr. Gay with a purse to help rebuild his library which was destroyed by fire when his home was partially burned. They also presented the pastor and his family with an antique marble-top table.

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The ground-breaking ceremony for the new auditorium and educational building of Terry Church will be held Sunday, August 8, at 6 p.m. Rev. John L. Hill is the pastor.

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Rev. J. D. Lundy, pastor, of Riverside Church, Pascagoula, will be the evangelist in the revival at Johns Church, Rankin County, August 8-13. He is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg; and has been a student at the New Orleans Seminary. Rev. Bob Louk is pastor of the Johns Church.

## 50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

REV. J. L. BOYD SR.

### 50 YEARS AGO

The Old Hebron Church, Lawrence County, enjoyed a "gracious meeting from start to close" resulting in Pastor J. C. Buckley baptizing "fourteen". Rev. I. P. Trotter did the preaching. (There is much talk of a new Baptist church being organized at New Hebron located a mile and a half away on the new railroad.)

### 40 YEARS AGO

In her report to Miss Margaret Lackey, Miss Mary Ratliff, the College Y.W.A. Correspondent, climaxed her message with her visit to the campus of Woman's College saying "Practically every boarder in school belongs to the Y.W.A.—104 members and an average attendance of 95. They have completed the four books."

### 25 YEARS AGO

The South McComb Church revival resulted in 95 additions to the membership. Pastor R. R. Jones was assisted by Evangelist W. Wade Smith and Singer Atley J. Cooper.

There were four additions to the Dixon Church, Neshoba County, and a pledge to support the Cooperative Program and six pledged to tithe, one of whom had "34 bales of cotton under shelter now and about 100 acres in cultivation." Pastor A. M. Childress was assisted by Rev. J. H. Gunn.

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Picayune, First	589	163
Newton, First	468	168
New Albany, First	606	160
Mission	55	
Union, First	367	138
Columbia, First	721	245
Main School	625	211
South Columbia Mission	96	34
Hebron (Jones)	75	56
Vicksburg, First	538	158
Spanish Fort	55	42
Ruleville	268	103
Crowder	283	139
Olive Branch	136	76
Grenada, First	731	158
Aberdeen, First	349	92
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	492	150
Long Beach, First	233	90
Main Church	183	69
29th St. Mission	50	21
Biloxi, First	563	205
Bay Terrace Mission	39	
Ruth	94	73
Liberty (Winston)	196	151
Lucedale	379	164
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	168	166
Sumrall (Lamar)	128	46
Laurel, Highland	188	80
Sand Hill (Jones)	78	121
Bethlehem (Jones)	162	123
Purvis, First	244	88
Mission	22	
Harmony (Tippah)	152	148
Darling	128	50
Columbus, South Side	122	87
Soso, First	186	119
Brookhaven, First	783	281
Main Church	648	196
Southway	89	56
Halbert Heights	46	29
Meridian, South Side	448	151
Bay St. Louis, First	131	58
Fair River (Lincoln)	93	56
Pelahatchie	187	85
Charleston, First	394	138
Longview (Oktibbeha)	140	76
Laurel, Joe Wheeler	111	66
Beulah (Brownsville)	110	90
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	130	75
Cranford (Adams)	90	102
Pascagoula, First	807	276
Main School	718	258
Jackson Ave. Chapel	40	10
McArthur Chapel	49	

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Meridian, 41st Ave.	343	70
Greenwood, Calvary	379	178
Rolling Creek (Clarke)	114	80
Biloxi, East Howard	155	72
Silver City	68	59
Hurley	101	84

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## MOAK'S CREEK OBSERVES CRADLE ROLL DAY



During the recent Cradle Roll Day observed at Moak's Creek, the mothers and babies were introduced to the congregation. Mr. Harold Douglass is the Cradle Roll superintendent.

During the worship hour the special music was dedicated to the mothers. The pastor, Rev. Harold Douglass, preached on the subject, "The Mother's Part in A Christian Home."

The Sunday School rooms were decorated for observance of the special day.

There are 27 babies enrolled in the Cradle Roll Department. Mr. H. L. Thornhill is Sunday School Superintendent.

## Advantages of Christian Education In Our Denominational Schools

BY DR. E. R. PINSON

Professor of Bible, Miss. College

What is Christian education? As distinguished from public education Christian education is under control of the church or other religious agencies, and is religious and moral, while public education is under the direction of the state and deals primarily with knowledge and skills.

A Christian college has a Christian objective, aim and purpose. A Christian college has a Christian faculty, Christian teaching and a Christian viewpoint. It has a Christian atmosphere and life. It has a Christian program and a Christian product.

What is denominational schools? Ordinarily the denominational school is church supported with Christian teachers and curriculum which includes Bible courses. They receive some support from denominational funds, usually through the co-operative program.

Antecedents of Christian education are to be noted in the habitations of the Patriarchs, the school of the prophets and later the synagogues, which included a definite program of education. In the New Testament days the Jews maintained a complete system of education. As Christian missions crossed the boundaries of Judaism into pagan lands and no longer had the foundation of the synagogue Bible school and the elementary school on which to build occasion demanded some preliminary training to be given before church membership could be permitted. The purpose was to prevent unprepared people from getting into the church. Hence Catechumenal schools developed. Through them ignorant pagans became intelligent Christians. Pupils advanced through various stages to being approved for baptism.

Another type of school—the Catechetical—arose to counteract the pagan universities where Greek philosophy and a modernistic atmosphere prevailed. The first Catechetical school was founded in Alexandria about 181 A. D. In the school we find the first true model of a Christian college. The good work of these schools continued until the period of the "Dark Ages" when clergy and laity surrendered their freedom to ecclesiastical authority. Ignorance multiplied.

The suppression of thought and

freedom was followed by a remarkable revival of pure Christian education. Individuals who had not "bowed the knee to Baal" turned to the Scriptures for solace. This movement was quick to seize upon education as a means of perpetuating Christian principles. Desire for knowledge led to the establishment of many universities and colleges. Leaders of the Reformation urged the foundation of Christian schools throughout Europe. Our Calvinistic forefathers, the Pilgrims, had hardly finished their homes and churches before they began to establish colleges for the training of future leaders.

The oldest colleges in the United States were established as private and denominational schools for the express purpose of training the ministry. The colonists were conscious of the need to establish schools which would be centers of influence in the furtherance of the things which mean more than life itself. In the Colonial days nine colleges, eight of which were denominational, were established. Harvard was the first. Of the first 119 colleges established in America 104 were church-related.

These early schools had not only a Christian origin but they had a controlling Christian objective. They not only sought to train the ministry but they wanted a Christian educated person for the pew. They taught the fundamental truths of spiritual worth, equality of men under God, and government by a free people.

Of the 55 Constitutional delegates, 36 were products of denominational colleges. Of the 50 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 42 had been trained by Christian institutions. Today on the basis of representation in Who's Who the distinguished graduates of Christian colleges are three times as numerous as graduates from non-Christian schools.

Many dangers are confronting Christian education today. First, there is the phenomenal growth and expansion of state and independent colleges. At present there are more church-related schools than either of the other types, but there are fewer students in the church-related group.

Second, there is the peril of secularism and even paganism in edu-

cation. There are efforts to prevent any kind of religious instruction. A student may become a bachelor or master in our state institutions and still be as ignorant of the Bible and revealed truth as if he had been educated in a pagan land.

Third, this is a faithless generation. Modern man has so emphasized materialistic interests and so neglected spiritual growth, that he now widely ignores belief in God, soul and immortality.

Fourth, we face the difficulty in meeting academic standards set by state and private or independent schools. But our Christian colleges cannot afford to do less than the best.

Fifth, there is danger of scattering our efforts too widely. At present we have many schools for general education, but little or no provision is made for specialization.

There are many advantages in Christian education. Christian education is the only complete education.

Man is a three-sided being—body, mind and soul. Someone has said if you develop the body alone you have an athlete; if you develop the mind alone you have a skeptic; if you develop the soul alone you have a fanatic; but if you develop the body, mind and soul you have the noblest work of God. Only in a Christian education is the three-fold development realized.

Christian education cherishes the highest ideals and implies the greatest achievements. It emphasizes morality more than might, mankind more than money, and making a life more than making a living.

Christian education is an absolute essential to Christianity, not only as a Christianizing factor, but as a civilizing agency. It not only makes a valuable contribution to the ministry, but it produces an excellent product in educational, social and civic activities.

Denominational schools are necessary as spiritual centers. They develop adequately trained ministers and laymen. They are essential to enlightened Christian homes, to democratic government, to freedom of the press, to freedom of thought, to freedom of worship, to benevolent institutions, and strong churches. Without denominational schools the pulpit will totter, spiritual interests will decline, and society will degenerate morally.

Therefore, it is imperative that we evaluate anew the place and importance of Christian education.

## Louisiana Missionary Is Gallman Evangelist



REV. G. W. REPPOND

Rev. G. W. Reppond is to be the evangelist for the revival at the Gallman Church August 9-16.

Mr. Reppond is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary and is now the district missionary in Pineville, Louisiana.



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School at Macedonia Church in Simpson County. Theo Boggan was the principal. Rev. G. T. Henderson is the pastor.

## Abingdon Award Competition Opens

Abingdon Press has just announced that competition is again open for the coveted \$7,500 Abingdon Award, which the Religious Book Club Bulletin calls "the highest distinction in the religious field."

The Abingdon Award was established to "encourage the writing of distinguished books in the broad field of evangelical Christianity." The six judges for the 1955 award are Walter Russell Bowie, professor of homiletics in the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia; George A. Buttrick, pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City; W. E. Garrison, professor of philosophy and religion at the University of Houston and literary editor of Christian Century; Nolan B. Harmon, editor of Abingdon press; Halford E. Luccock, professor emeritus of homiletics at Yale University Divinity School; and John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary.

Any unpublished manuscript excepting only fiction and poetry is eligible for consideration. Abingdon Press indicates that manuscripts intended for a wide reading among Christian laymen and scholarly works for Christian leaders and teachers will receive the same consideration. The award will go to the work which will, in the opinion of the judges, "accomplish the greatest good for the Christian faith and Christian living among all people."

Previous award books include THE KINGDOM OF GOD by John Bright (1952), HERE I STAND by Roland H. Bainton (1950), PRAYER AND THE COMMON LIFE by Georgia Harkness (co-winner 1948), and THE RELIGION OF MATURITY by John Wick Bowman (co-winner 1948).

Those wishing further information should write to "Award Editor, Abingdon Press, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York." "An official notice of intention to submit a manuscript must be filed with the publishers before November 1, 1954. The finished manuscripts must be submitted by March 1, 1955, and the winner will be announced in October, 1955. An outright award of \$5,000 will be given to the winning author at the time of the announcement, and \$2,500 advance royalties will be given him when the book is published in 1956.

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## Cowart Church Adds 20

Cowart Church (Tallahatchie County) recently closed a successful series of revival services.

There were twenty additions, 11 for baptism and nine by letter. Rev. Dewey E. Merritt, Cowart



R. K. WALIN

Shown above is R. K. Walin, music director of the Wildwood Church, Laurel, who has recently surrendered for full-time service. He plans to do music and education work. Rev. J. M. Foy is the Wildwood pastor. Mr. Walin is available for evangelistic meetings as director of music.

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## JOINS BMC FACULTY



MISS JOHNNIE ARMSTRONG

Shown above is Miss Johnnie Armstrong, who will be instructor in physical education at Blue Mountain College for the session beginning in September. She is coming to Blue Mountain from the "Athens of the South," Nashville. She secured her bachelor's degree from Blue Mountain in 1953. While a student in the College she won many honors. She served as president of the Athletic Association and president of the Euzelian Society. She was a member of the Seer staff and was an officer in the student Sunday School and the BTU. She was a member of the operetta troupe two years and participated in the May Festival for three successive years.

pastor, did the preaching and James E. Merritt of Calvary Church, Jackson, led the singing.